

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A spindle unit of a machine tool for mounting a tool or a workpiece pallet on a forward end of a spindle, comprising:

a spindle supported by a housing so as to be rotatable;

a clamping device provided in a hollow portion of the spindle and including a draw bar for engaging the tool or the workpiece pallet and an elastic member for pulling the draw bar rearward;

an unclamping device provided at a rear portion of the spindle for pushing the draw bar forward to thereby release the tool or the workpiece pallet; and

an oil pool chamber formed in the hollow portion of the spindle having a closed chamber structure and including bearing portions for supporting the draw bar on both sides configured so that the draw bar is movable forward and rearward, said bearing portions having substantially the same size so that the volume of the oil pool chamber does not change when the draw bar is moved forward and rearward; and

at least two passages having inner threads and formed in the spindle communicating between an outside of the spindle and the oil pool chamber, each of said passages being formed at the forward end of the spindle.

2. (Previously Presented) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 1, wherein the bearing portions comprise a front cylindrical bearing portion for receiving a support shaft portion of the draw bar and a rear cylindrical bearing portion for receiving a shaft collar fixed on the draw bar, and the oil pool chamber is configured such that an inner diameter size of the front cylindrical bearing portion is equal to an inner diameter size of the rear cylindrical bearing portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 1, wherein ~~the spindle includes at least two passages formed therein which communicate between an outside of the spindle and the oil pool chamber, and~~ the openings of the passages to the oil pool chamber are formed to be spaced apart from each other at angular interval of about 180 degrees about a center axis of the spindle.

4. (Currently Amended) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 2, wherein ~~the spindle includes at least two passages formed therein which communicate between an outside of the spindle and the oil pool chamber, and~~ the openings of the passages to the oil pool chamber are formed to be spaced apart from each other at angular interval of about 180 degrees about a center axis of the spindle.